



Pre-Con
Edition

The Scratching Post

THE AT-CON NEWSLETTER OF CONFERENCE 11, April 6-9, 2000

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Welcome To ConFurence 11!

After a year of hard work and planning since ConFurence 10, the 12th year of ConFurence, and the inaugural ConFurence presented by The ConFurence Group, is here and now under way. Thank you for joining us!

Funny Animals in Asia

Anthropomorphics and the Pacific Rim have a lot in common. From Japanese Animation (Anime) to *Usagi Yojimbo*, Asian-themed arts and entertainment have influenced many funny animal projects and creations. This year's ConFurence cele-



brates the contributions and inspirations that Asian popular culture has provided to anthropomorphic fandom.

The Year of the Dragon

Dragons! Dragons!! Dragons!!! 2000 also marks

the Chinese year of the Dragon, and the creatures of Chinese mythology (as well as of medieval legend) complement the convention's Main theme for this year.

This Year's Guests of Honor

To celebrate this year's themes, ConFurence 11 welcomes **Christopher Rowley** (author of the *Battledragon* novel series), Antarctic Press' **Ben Dunn** (creator of *Mighty Tiny Ninja High School*; publisher of *Gold Digger*), and longtime funny animal artist **Mitch Beiro** as our Guests of Honor.

What's Going On At The Con

GOT QUESTIONS?
The CF Information Center is set up right next to Registration in the San Clemente Room. The CF Information Team are always kept up to date about any changes throughout the con and are always never too busy to pass along con information to furry fans in attendance.

WE WANT YOU!
As with any successful fan

convention, CF volunteers make the difference! If you're interested in assisting us, please see Carol Higuchi, Gopher Wrangler, in Con-Ops for more details!

CONTACTING STAFF:
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lead staff member in a timely manner.

CLARIFICATION:
Rod O'Riley is listed as 'Rodney Stansfield' in your CFI1 Souvenir Book. Either way, Rodney is the fur to seek out if you have questions about what is happening when and where.

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VIDEOGRAPHERS NEEDED!

Do you have a video camera with you at CF 11? If so we could use your help documenting the fun.

The CF 11 Highlights Tape will be a way for those who can't make it (or anyone wanting a reminder) to see what happens this weekend.

To be part of this you can help two ways. Become a video crew volunteer and cover events such as Panels, Workshops and the Costume Presentation. This will help insure we are getting as much coverage as possible. Or just shoot what you want and let us copy your tapes during or after the con.

Please see David Bliss (behind a camera or at the RIVERCOON ARTS table in the dealers room) for details.

WE NEED YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- Stop by the Information Center or Con-Ops and let us know if you have any party announcements, special events, or any other items of interest to con members to publish in the next edition of *The Scratching Post*.

• Submission Deadlines:

- #1 (Friday AM), 6 pm Thursday
- #2 (Friday PM), 1 pm Friday
- #3 (Saturday AM), 10 pm Friday
- #4 (Saturday PM), 12 pm Saturday
- #5 (Sunday AM), 9 pm Saturday
- #6 (Sunday Final), 10 am Sunday

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THE AT-CON NEWSLETTER OF CONFURENCE 11

Volume 1, Issue 1

Friday Morning, April 7, 2000

- Due to technical difficulties, a new template was used to put The Scratching Post together in order to continue keeping con members up to date on CF 11 goings-on. The Post scratches on!

WORKSHOP SIGN-UPS:

CF 11 creative workshops are an opportunity to get hands-on experience with the topic of the hour, whether it may be costuming or learning a new way of drawing. Workshop sign-up sheets are available at the Information Desk. Space is very limited, so be sure to sign up for the workshop that you're interested in!

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ROOM PARTY POLICY:** No music is to be played during room parties, and room doors must be closed (the party host may use the security bar on the door jamb to hold the door open at a hair, as long as the bar is covered with a towel or washcloth. **NO SLAMMING** of doors, please.
- FLYER POLICY:** Flyers may be posted on hotel walls using masking tape. Flyers may also be placed on the designated flyer table outside the Dealers Room. Please do not put flyers on any other table within the hotel area.
- NO ADULT MATERIAL:** Any flyers with adult content will be confiscated on sight and destroyed.



HOTEL SNACK BAR:

The hotel has a snack bar window attached to The Newport Bistro with food items available to con members at affordable prices. Please help support ConFurence 11 by eating in the hotel. Thanks!

SATURDAY NIGHT FURRY FEED:

Tickets for the CF Furry Feed, featuring a spaghetti dinner, salad, and beverage, are on sale for \$12 per person at The ConFurence Group Store inside the dealers room. Please help support the con by joining us for Saturday dinner!

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REGISTRATION

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Weekend hours for Registration are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for Saturday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Sunday.

SIGs & WORKSHOPS:

Please note: Species SIGs are being held in the Promenade area between the lobby and the bar/restaurant. All workshops are being held in the Crystal Terrace, home of the Art Show.

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Be sure to make note of the following time changes for con activities so you don't

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More CF 11 News (Continued from front page)

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HOSPITALITY SUITE AVAILABLE:

Are you in need of refreshment? The Hospitality Suite is available to con members in need of snacks and beverages. Satisfy your hunger and quench your thirst at the suite, in the Dana Point room on the Second Floor.

COSTUME EVENTS:

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PHOTOSHOP COLORISTS WANTED:



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RESTAURANTS IN-WALKING DISTANCE:

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Volume 1, Issue 3 Saturday Morning, April 7, 2000

ATTENTION ART SHOW BIDDERS!

Did you forget to sign your bid sheet? Please report to the Art Show in the Crystal Terrace to sign your bid sheet, in case if you forgot to do so.

Otherwise, your bid might be withdrawn.



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FILK WINNERS:

"The Flat Cat Was Cute" by Lee Gold won the CF 11 Song Contest, with "Big Frog on the Loose" by Rod O'Riley coming in Second Place.

There will be more open filking in the Promenade (off the Lobby) Saturday night starting at 8 p.m.

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Join fellow Furry fans for an all-you-can-eat spaghetti, salad, and a beverage. Purchase tickets at The ConFurence Store, Table 1 in the Dealers Room or at the event. Please help support the con by joining us for Saturday dinner!

THANK YOU, CON MEMBERS!

Your courtesy and quietness shown during last night's room parties are greatly appreciated. Your continued courtesy and consideration for other hotel guests is also much appreciated by remembering that music should not be heard outside in the hallways and that the hotel room doors do not get slammed. Thank you, and continue to enjoy the con!

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PLEASE PARDON OUR TYPING!

Issue 3 of the Scratching Post was incorrectly dated for yesterday, April 7. We assure you that today is April 8.

ART SHOW CLOSES AT NOON

The Art Show will be closing at 12 p.m. today. This is a correction to the con program, so get your bids in early.

ART AUCTION #2:

Art Show items that have already received six written bids by noon today go to auction in the Irvine Room at 2 p.m. Prior to the regular art auction, items to benefit anthropomorphic artist Michael-Scot McMurry will go for bid first. Be sure to place your bids and help out a fellow Furry fan and artist.

TCFG OPEN MEETING:

Are you enjoying the con? How are we doing for our first time at the helm? Join The ConFurence Group senior staff at our open review meeting, today at 3:30 p.m. in the Balboa Room.

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*Thank You,
One and All!*

The ConFurence Group extends its sincere appreciation to the convention members, volunteers, dealers, staff, and all of Anthropomorphic Fandom who made ConFurence 11 possible.

CONFURENCE 12 IS A GO!

"At The Movies" is the theme for next year's ConFurence, which will be held at the Burbank Hilton April 19-22, 2001. Pre-registration for CF 12 is \$25.00 per member TODAY ONLY in the Registration Area inside the San Clemente Room; after today, memberships are \$35.00 each through March 31, 2001.

TO OUR CON MEMBERS:

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-ConFurence 11 Staff

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copy your footage for use in the CF 11 Highlights videotape. Please contact David Bliss through Con-Ops, at the Rivercoast Arts table in the Dealers Room, or in Room 322 so arrangements can be made to duplicate your tapes.

POST-CABARET NEWS:
Last night's Charity Cabaret collected \$1168.00 in tips alone. To those who tipped generously during the show, we thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ART SHOW

TEAR-DOWN:

The Art Show Staff will need volunteers to help dismantle the display boards and load the delivery truck for transport tonight at 8 p.m. Please report directly to the Crystal Terrace at 8 o'clock tonight if you are able to help us. Thanks!

FURRY FANS GO TO DISNEYLAND!

Monday, April 10 marks the return of the traditional post-CF group visit to Disneyland Park. Con members interested in joining in the fun should meet in the Main Lobby of the hotel tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m. A carpool caravan will be leaving for the park promptly at 8:30 a.m.

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The ConFurence Group Presents:

ConFurence 12

"At The Movies"

April 19 to April 22, 2001* Burbank Airport Hilton
Burbank, California

Guest of Honor: Jymn Magon

(Writer / Creator: Tale Spin, Disney Afternoon, A Goofy Movie)

ConFurence 12 Pre-registration:

Real Name (required) _____

Alias/Handle _____

RealName Alias Both
Preferred on Badge

Phone Number _____

Internet Email Address _____

(Phone and Email are optional, but it really helps if we have it!)

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Qty	Each	Item	extended cost
x	\$35	Pre-Registration Attending Membership through March 30, 2000*	
x	\$15	Non-Attending Supporting Membership (includes "InFurNation" newsletter)	
x	\$25-\$74	CF12 Sponsorship benefits package**	
x	\$75 or more	CF12 Super Sponsor benefits package**	
x	\$25	Upgrade supporting to attending membership	
x	\$5	Art Show/Auction space: () 4' panels () 3' tables for display	Total enclosed: _____

**Sponsorships are in addition to the cost of any supporting or attending membership fees. Pick up benefits package at CF12.

Please make your Check or Money Order payable in U.S. dollars made out to "ConFurence".

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